

# **ROBERT L. TRIMBLE**

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Room #1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1 - Downed Animals Protection

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request that you help end the horrific downed animal trade. Please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial and contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, a disease that has been linked to the fatal human illness Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which causes injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

I believe downed animals should be humanely euthanized at stockyards and removed from the market. Please make this possible.

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To see a few photos of downed animal cruelty and suffering, please click the following:

[www.nodowners.org/gallery/route87\\_2.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/route87_2.htm)

[www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow\\_downed3.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow_downed3.htm)

[www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow\\_downed1.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow_downed1.htm)

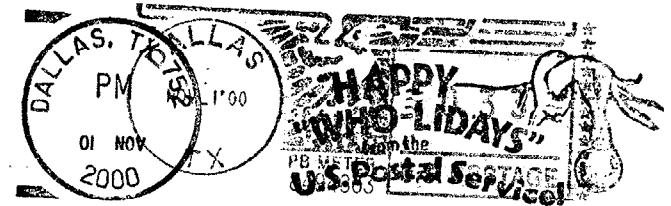
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Trimble". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

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